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1. The construction of the K XX airfield, which is located at Popkovice (051/M78) near Pardubice (051/M79), was begun on 1 October 1951.* Work has been interrupted since November 1951, but it is expected that the field will be completed by June 1952. As a result of the enlarging of the airfield, a part of the Pardubice Chrudim (051/M78) railroad line has to be re-routed, and two brooks which flow near the field will have to be diverted. Ing. Mojmir Kalous, who was the construction manager of the K X airfield at Line (N50/P93) is replacing Zdenek Veverka, who is suffering from blood poisoning, as construction manager of K XX.
2. The K X airfield at Line has been completed, except for removing the excavated dirt and seeding the area around the field.
3. The K XI airfield at Hradcany near Doksy (051/F84) has been completed.**
4. The reconstruction and enlargement of the civilian airfield at Ruzyne near Prague, which is under the supervision of the Posista firm,*** is to be finished by June 1952.
5. The Kbely (051/I89) airfield near Prague, which is presently undergoing remodeling, should also be ready for use by June 1952. The runway will be lengthened to 2,500 m. and additional taxiing space will be provided.
6. The Vsechov (051/I91) airfield near Tabor was built between the two World Wars. During World War II, the Germans did not use the field, but dismantled the buildings, leaving only hangar skeletons. After the war, the field was used solely for glider traffic by private individuals. The field was surveyed in December 1951, and construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 1952 and should be finished by December 1952. The runways will be 2,500 m. long and 80 m. wide. The taxi area will be about 250 m. from the runway and will be 16 m. wide. The total concrete area is estimated to be 260,000 sq.m., while the concrete side area (sic) covers an area of 11,700 square m.

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7. The following airfields for jet planes will be in operation in Bohemia by the end of 1952:

Kbely near Prague
Ruzyně near Prague
Hradčany near Doksy
Pardubice
České Budejovice (Plana-Homole) (045/Q96)
Mirovice (N50/L52) near Písek
Líne near Pilsen
Vsechov near Tabor
Zatec (N51/F10).

All of these airfields were built by the Czechoslovak Construction Works (CSSZ), with the exception of the Ruzyně field, which was built by Posista, and the Zatec field, which was built by Armastav.

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